as per the schedule in the monsoon of year 2006 and 891 MU energy generated in 2006-07. The reservoir level is expected to be raised upto EL-815m during the monsoon of year 2007, while the full reservoir level (EL-830 m) is expected to be achieved in the monsoon of year 2008. Once the full reservoir level is achieved, the Tehri Power Station shall afford the full design energy as well as other water requirements.

Constitution of NPPMB

2233. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 859, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th August, 2007 and state:

(a) what would be the role of the National Power Project Management Board (NPPMB) proposed to be set up by Government;

(b) whether power generation targets for 2007-08 are on schedule;

(c) in what way this Board would revive delayed projects;

(d) whether this Board would provide financial help to power projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) The National Power Project Management Board (NPPMB) is being set up for monitoring the progress of projects and to ensure timely commissioning of the planned capacity addition and associated transmission projects.

(b) Yes, Sir. The total energy generation in the country during the current year (April'06 - July'07) was 234.23 billion units against the target of 230.13 billion units.

(c) to (e) The modalities for setting up the National Power Project Management Board (NPPMB) are being worked out so as to make the Board functional at the earliest. The provision of financial help to power projects would not fall within the purview of this Board.

Funds for Uttarakhand under RGGVY

†2234. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to Uttarakhand, so far, under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY), the percentage of ST villages, sub-villages, hemlets and settlements electrified in the State;

(b) by when the target of electrifying each village in the State would be achieved and the details of assistance to be provided to the State Government to achieve this target; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government in this regard?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) As the funds under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) are released in instalments based on the progress reported by the State, State-wise allocation of funds is not envisaged under RGGVY.

As reported by Uttarakhand Government, out of total 15,761 revenue villages, 15199 (96.4%) are electrified. Balance 562 villages are to be electrified by grid (357) and non-grid (171). Out of 11.85 lakh rural households, 6.87 lakh rural households are electrified. Out of balance 4.98 lakh unelectrified households, Uttarakhand Government intends to cover 3.57 lakh rural households under RGGVY.

(b) and (c) All the un-electrified villages, except remote villages covered under electrification programme of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), are envisaged to be electrified by 2009 under RGGVY.

Ministry of Power has already sanctioned projects for all the 13 districts of Uttarakhand with an outlay of Rs.643.89 crore. The State has reported that works have been carried out in 968 un-electrified and 2332 electrified villages as also release of 38424 rural household connections including 37,016 BPL household connections as on 24th August, 2007. Uttarakhand has so far availed Rs.355.61 crore under RGGVY.

The State has reported that the Scheduled Tribe villages are also covered in this scheme. However, 171 villages which are far away from grid line and are situated in forest area are meant to be electrified by non-conventional energy sources. Ministry of Power as also Rural Electrification Corporation have been regularly conducting the review meeting and impressing upon the State Government/State power utility for timely attainment of the sanctioned targets in the State.

Power to Andhra Pradesh from Southern Region

2235. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether over 3,400 MW of wind power generation came to a halt on 22nd June, 2007, as the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board asked wind mill owners to stop generation;

(b) whether the above situation arise due to surplus power generation;

(c) if so, whether any measures are being taken on the request of the Andhra Pradesh Government to provide unallocated surplus power from Southern Region to the State, which is facing power shortages;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) According to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, wind mill generation of about 700 MW (against the installed capacity of 3535 MW) was blocked on 22.06.2007 as a